

the United States, its successors and assigns, a good merchantable title in fee, free of incumbrance, to certain lands needed by the United States for reservoir purposes in connection with the North Platte Federal irrigation project in Nebraska and Wyoming, to wit: The northeast quarter; north half of the northwest quarter; southeast quarter of the northwest quarter; north half of the southeast quarter and southeast quarter southeast quarter of section 16, township 23 north, range 54 west, sixth principal meridian, Nebraska; then in exchange for such lands so conveyed the usual patent shall be issued by the United States to Anton Hiersche, conveying to him the following-described lands: The northeast quarter of the northeast quarter; south half of the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter; south half of the northeast quarter; south half of the north half of the northwest quarter; south half of the northwest quarter; and the southeast quarter of section 22; and the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter; and the east half of the southeast quarter of section 15, all in township 23 north, range 54 west, sixth principal meridian, Nebraska, excepting therefrom rights of way thereon for ditches or canals constructed by authority of the United States: *Provided*, That said deed to the United States shall release the United States from all damages to said lands in section 16 suffered by said grantor Anton Hiersche on account of the construction, operation, and maintenance of the said irrigation project: *Provided further*, That said grantor shall be permitted within a period of six months after the date of said deed to remove his improvements from said land in section 16: *Provided further*, That the patent from the United States shall contain language (a) by which the United States shall be released from all claims for damages to said land in section 22 by seepage from existing or proposed reservoirs constructed or to be constructed in connection with said irrigation project, and (b) by which the title of the grantee shall be held subject to a lien in favor of the United States to secure the payment of the project operation and maintenance and construction charges upon the irrigable area of the land patented hereunder.

Approved, February 25, 1925.

Exchange of lands with Anton Hiersche for addition thereto.

Lands conveyed.

Lands in exchange.

*Provisos.*  
Release of damages to lands conveyed.

Removal of improvements.

Conditions in patent.

**CHAP. 326.**—An Act To restore homestead rights in certain cases.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That from and after the passage of this Act any person who has heretofore entered, under the homestead laws, and paid a price equivalent to or greater than \$2.50 per acre, lands embraced in a ceded Indian reservation, shall, upon proof of such fact, if otherwise qualified, be entitled to the benefits of the homestead law as though such former entry had not been made: *Provided*, That the provisions of this Act shall not apply to any person who has failed to pay the full price for his former entry, or whose former entry was canceled for fraud.

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[H. R. 8333.]  
[Public, No. 474.]

Public lands.  
Second homestead entry allowed if former one in a ceded Indian reservation.

*Proviso.*  
Restrictions.

**CHAP. 327.**—An Act Granting to the State of Oregon certain lands to be used by it for the purpose of maintaining and operating thereon a fish hatchery.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to issue

February 25, 1925.  
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[Public, No. 475.]

Public lands.  
Granted Oregon for fish hatchery.